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PIRACY AND ARMS SMUGGLING ON INDIAN MARITIME BOUNDARIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that incidents of piracy and arms smuggling are increasing on the Indian Maritime boundaries;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported during each of the last three years;

(c) the areas which have been identified where such incidents are increasing;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents;

(e) whether any accord has been signed with any other country to prevent such incidents; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): No confirmed cases of piracy were reported in the Indian Maritime boundaries in the last three years.

(d) The Indian Navy and the Coast Guard conduct regular patrols and surveillance missions to act as deterrent against piracy and arms smuggling.

(e) & (f): A Standard Operating Procedure for coordinated Patrol between India and Indonesia was signed on 13th August, 2002 and this patrolling is conducted on a biannual basis. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for coordinated Patrol between India and Thailand has also been signed in May, 2005.